

### **REMARKS**

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for discussing the present case with Applicants' representative. Applicants appreciate the opportunity to correct the deficiencies in the previous Declaration. Applicants have revised the enclosed Declaration as noted by the PTO and discussed during the telephonic interview of April 11, 2007 to now include the *Vigo* procedures used by Applicants to demonstrate the acidic nature of the finished *Vigo* product..

The enclosed revised Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 now specifically sets forth the procedures of *Vigo* followed by the Applicants. Applicants have also amended the claim as suggested by the Examiner to remove the term "about" as a modifier of the pH of 6.5 recited in the neutralization step. Thus, the step now reads neutralizing the treated fabric to a pH between 6.5 to about 7.5 to form a neutralized fabric. Claim 1 is currently the only claim pending in the present application.

For the reasons set forth in the previous Response, Applicants respectfully assert the cited prior art does not teach or suggest the claimed neutralization step. Thus, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the present rejection. The newly revised Declaration, with corrected deficiencies, is submitted to rebut the inherency assertion by showing that the prior art products do not necessarily possess the characteristics of the presently claimed method. Namely, the cited prior art fails to teach or suggest the claimed neutralization of the treated fabric.

### CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully contend claim 1 has now been placed in a condition for allowance and an early notice of such effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding the foregoing Response, she is invited and urged to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully Submitted,



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